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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC EXCURSION TO QUNEITRA

1. I WAS INFORMALLY TOLD YESTERDAY (JUNE 27) BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZAKARIA ISMAIL THAT THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO INVITE THE HEADS OF MISSION TO TOUR QUNEITRA SOMETIME EARLY NEXT WEEK PROBABLY TUESDAY JULY 2. I ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO MY ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF MY ASSUMPTION.

2. IN MY OPINION IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY DAMAGING TO USG FOR ME TURN DOWN SUCH AN INVITATION PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE ROLE THAT WE PLAYED IN RESTORING SYRIAN CONTROL OVER THE CITY. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, OF THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH THE ISRAELIS ARE GETTING FOR THEIR "WANTON AND SPITEFUL" DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY. IT MAY WELL BE THE EXCURSION TURN INTO A MAJOR ANTI-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA DIATRIBE.
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